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THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (13 pp; [REDACTED])

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This document consists of a [REDACTED] report on the Agricultural Engineering Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the German Democratic Republic. It contains detailed information on the following subjects:

- (1) Machine rental stations (MAS). Information is given on the performance of the MAS in East Germany, with a detailed breakdown for Land Mecklenburg.
- (2) The 1951 Economic Plan. Its meaning in respect to agricultural engineering, with emphasis on the requirements of the MAS.
- (3) The Agricultural Engineering Institute in Muencheberg. Detailed description of the site, surroundings, etc., of this former Reichsbahn repair shop.
- (4) Appraisal of personnel. Biographic data is given on several members of the Ministry of Agriculture, including personal appraisals, and mention is made of the arrest of one.
- (5) Notes on the 1950 and 1951 Production Plans. Figures on agricultural machines, tractors, equipment, etc., with production figures, for 1947 and 1949, for comparison with Plan figures.
- (6) Number of gasoline-engine tractors in the German Democratic Republic. Figures are given as of 1 October 1950 and are broken down by Laender.
- (7) Details on the 1950 Economic Plan. Planned number of tractors to be allotted to MAS, VVG (Federation of People-Owned Farms), universities and research institutions, and privately-owned enterprises. Mention is made of the types and makes of tractors, and some details on their performance are given.
- (8) New types of tractors to be produced. Details on the types and their performance, as well as some technical details.
- (9) The 1951 tractor-plow program of the MAS. Details are given on the planned production of tractor-plows.
- (10) Insect extermination plan. Planned measures for an attempt to exterminate pine-worms in the German Democratic Republic.
- (11) Polish agricultural experiences. Some details are given on agricultural developments in Poland as told by a Polish agricultural delegation to German agricultural experts.
- (12) Excerpts from a report on the organization of the German Trade Center (Deutsche Handelszentrale) for Machines and Vehicle Construction, in regard to trade in agricultural machines and equipment and agricultural machine and tractor parts, dated 1 February 1951.
- (13) Status of the supply of spare parts for agricultural machines and tractors.

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